

Don't Delay, Sign-Up Today for Summer Rec!

The Town of Newstead 2014 Summer Recreation Programs, which are scheduled from July 7th through August 15th, are filling up quickly. Closed sections to date include: AM REC Grades 2 & 3 as well as the AM REC Grades 4 & 5. Furthermore, the field trips to the Bison's Game and Darien Lake are at near capacity. In response to feedback received from previous registrants, the Rec. Bd. and Town Council approved a new online system to ease patron schedules and expedite the process... the new on-line system went live for the first time on Monday, June 2nd. However if interested patrons have yet to set-up an account, they are still invited to create their family and individual accounts at www.newsteadrec.com ASAP so they can register on-line instead of standing in-line. Whether one chooses to register on-line or in-line for Summer Rec Programs... Do not delay, sign-up today!

Summer 2014 Programs, Descriptions, Target Audiences, Schedules, and Fees:

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| Program: | Morning Lap Swim |
| Description: | Open pool lanes for adult lap swim and conditioning |
| Target Audience: | Co-Ed; Adults (Ages 16+) |
| Schedule: | Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 6-7:30am |
| Fee: | \$20/participant or \$50/family for one month |
| Program: | Mommy & Me Swim |
| Description: | Open pool time for parents and pre-kindergarten children |
| Target Audience: | Parents and grandparents with pre-kindergarten children or grandchildren |
| Schedule: | Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 6-7:30am |
| Fee: | \$20/parent and child or \$50/family for summer session |
| Program: | Modified Sport Training |
| Description: | Cardio fitness, core exercises, flexibility training, and running techniques for ACS students playing modified sports |
| Target Audience: | ACS students going into grades 7-9 |
| Schedule: | Monday - Friday 8-9am |
| Fee: | \$20/participant or \$50/family for summer session |
| Program: | AM REC |
| Description: | 4-45 minute activities based on grade level (order of activities TBD by Rec.) ... Arts & Crafts, Gym/Playground, Sport of the Week, and Swim Lesson |
| Target Audience: | Students in grades K-8 may register for AM or PM REC, not both |
| Schedule: | Monday - Friday 9am-12pm |
| Fee: | \$25/participant or \$65/family for summer session |
| Program: | PM REC |
| Description: | 4-45 minute activities based on grade level (order of activities TBD by Rec.) ... Arts & Crafts, Gym/Playground, Sport of the Week, and Swim Lesson |
| Target Audience: | Students in grades K-8 may register for AM or PM REC, not both |
| Schedule: | Monday - Friday 1-4pm |
| Fee: | \$25/participant or \$65/family for summer session |

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| Program: | Community Swim & Water Aerobics |
| Description: | Open pool time for the general public & self-help exercise group |
| Target Audience: | Individual participants, families, and fitness enthusiasts |
| Schedule: | Monday - Friday 4-5pm |
| Fee: | \$20/participant or \$50/family for summer session |
| Program: | Swim Lessons |
| Description: | 45 minute swim lesson based on skill level (level TBD by Rec. Staff) |
| Target Audience: | Students in grades K-8 |
| Schedule: | Monday - Friday with starting times following AM & PM REC Schedules AM: 9, 9:45, 10:30, 11:15; PM: 1, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15 (Specific Times TBD) |
| Fee: | \$20/participant or \$50/family for summer session |
| Program: | Alumni Basketball |
| Description: | Open gym time to shoot around and play pick-up games |
| Target Audience: | ACS Alums, Ages 18+ |
| Schedule: | Saturdays 10am-12pm |
| Fee: | \$20/participant or \$50/family for summer session |

Field Trips, Targets, Schedules, and Fees:

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| Akron Falls Park | AM/PM REC | Friday, 7/11 | 9-12/1-4 | Free |
| Library/Russell Park | AM/PM REC | Friday, 7/18 | 9-12/1-4 | Free |
| Bison's Game | AM/PM REC | Thursday, 7/24 | 11am-5pm | \$10/child |
| Darien Lake | AM/PM REC | Friday, 8/15 | 9am-5pm | \$5 w/pass, \$20 w/o |

A school bus will be reserved for Bison's Game and Darien Lake. Due to space constraints, the number of participants for bus trips is capped: youth = 51 and staff = 10 for a ratio of 5:1. Please note: Registration for field trips on bus will also take place On-Line or In-Line starting June 2nd.

Special Events, Targets, Schedules, and Fees:

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| KED "Run/Walk" | AM/PM REC | Friday, 8/1 | 9-12/1-4 | Donations |
| Rec. Olympics | AM/PM REC | Friday, 8/8 | 9-12/1-4 | Free |
| "Let's Can Hunger" | AM/PM REC | Week # 6 | 9-12/1-4 | Donations |

Registration Process:

Participants may register on-line at newsteadrec.com or stand in line at the Newstead Town Hall located at 5 Clarence Center Road starting on Monday, June 2nd at 8am. Please note that there are "caps" - a limited number of openings for the programs and field trips, which will be filled on a first-paid, first-serve basis. Note: A registration is not complete until paid. On-line registrations can only be completed with credit card payment. To expedite the registration process, patrons are kindly encouraged to set-up their family and personal accounts ASAP as this is the preferred method of registration moving forward. Please consider that if you do not set-up an account and register on-line, the wait at Town Hall may actually be longer as the Town Clerk's Office will have to set-up account prior to completing the registration process. The old registration forms will not be sufficient as the data still needs to be entered in the new system, so save yourself some time and go on-line!

Rec. Dept. Leadership and Staff:

The Summer 2014 Recreation Program will be led by Dan Roland, Director, and four Program Coordinators. This Summer, Dan is entering his 7th year with the program. Dan is a professor of Business at Hilbert College and was the former Director of the Clarence Youth Center for more than a decade. The Aquatics (Pool) Coordinator will be Bo Izydorczak, a 7 year Rec. Vet, a certified Lifeguard, certified Water Safety Instructor, and a Graduate of the Physical Education program at Canisius College. Bo is also a long-term sub in Williamsville and a coach for Clarence JV Football. The Arts & Crafts Coordinator will be Christina Komosinski, a soon to be senior undergraduate student at SUNY Potsdam in Music Education. Nina is in her 5th year with the Rec. Dept. and served most admirably as the A&C Coordinator last summer. The Gym/Playground Coordinator will be Jessica Bell, who holds a Master's Degree in PE from Canisius and is employed as a full-time Physical Education teacher during the academic year at Roy Hart. Jess is the most senior member of the Rec. Dept. Staff in years of service. The Sports Coordinator and Assistant Director for the Summer Rec. Session will be Greg Parzych who served in this capacity last year and has accumulated 6 years of service with the Rec. Dept. Greg possesses a Master's Degree in Education from Niagara and is gainfully employed as a long-term sub and coach at the middle and high school level. The Coordinators are responsible for planning, organizing, implementing, supervising, and evaluating their respective programs. This core leadership team sets the standards for new and returning staff joining the Rec. Dept. as attendants. With regard to the hiring process, past protocol has established that returning staff members in good standing, based on past performance, are given priority; remaining staff positions and substitute roles are filled based on application materials and/or an interview process. An Orientation Meeting for new and returning Staff was conducted last evening and covered the following topics: mission, values, programs, schedules, regulations, payroll, etc.

Rec. Dept. Mission and Board:

The Recreation Department mission reads as follows: "The Town of Newstead Recreation Department is committed to providing residents of the Town of Newstead, Tonawanda Territory, Akron Central School District, and Students of the Akron Central School District with a variety of enjoyable and meaningful physical fitness programs and leisure activities that promote individual development and teamwork in a safe and positive environment."

The role of the Rec. Board is to further the mission of the Recreation Department, by adhering to its core values: Commitment, Fairness, Honesty, Passion, Respect, Resourcefulness, and Service and improving its functional areas: activities/programming, budgeting/ appropriations, facility management, organizational development, and publicity/public relations.

The current Newstead Recreation Board includes the following members: Joel Gregorio (Chair), Justin Klodzinski, Tim Morgan, Tracy Oakes, Melissa Polkowski, Robyn Robnett (Secretary), Mike Schilling, and Karen Stachowiak. In addition, Town Board Representatives serving as liaisons to the Rec. Dept. are Jim Mayrose and Marybeth Whiting. The School Board Liaison is Tracy Sturmer. The next meeting of the Recreation Board is scheduled for August.

While the Town of Newstead, the Recreation Board, and Rec. Staff are the official caretakers of the Recreation Department, it takes the collective efforts of the community to be truly successful. Residents with suggestions for the betterment of the Recreation Department are asked to please contact a Rec. Bd. Member or the Recreation Director, Dan Roland via cell phone at #392-7657. Thanks for your support!